

## SJIS Weekly Update

27th September 2024

### Important Dates:

14-18 Oct - Half Term break  
31 Oct - Deepavali (public holiday)  
1 Nov - School holiday  
30 Sept - 4 Oct HS CCA cancelled

### Upcoming Events:

3 Oct - An Update on school development plan by Mr Gary Cairns  
11 Oct - International Day Bazaar  
23 Oct - Safeguarding Parent Info Session  
23 Oct - Catholic Mass  
26 Oct - HS PTC  
30 Oct - Deepavali celebration  
9 Nov - Family Festival

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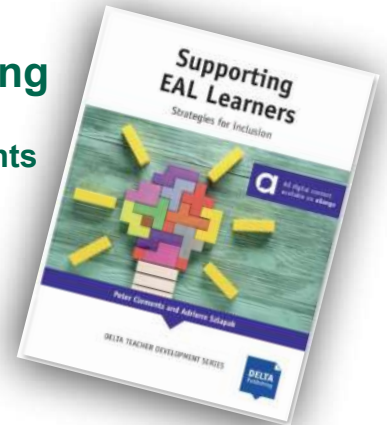


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## This Week's Highlight at SJIS

### A Guide to Inclusive Teaching

By Adrienn Szlapak and Pete Clements



After collaborating for two years, Peter Clements and I are thrilled to present our book, a practical resource for educators supporting English as an Additional Language (EAL) learners. Recognising the unique challenges faced by EAL students, we aim to provide teachers with the tools to create inclusive learning environments.

EAL learners often juggle learning a new language with grasping complex subject matter. Our book offers strategies to support their academic and social-emotional well-being. We draw on our combined experience in EAL education and relevant theoretical frameworks to provide practical guidance for subject teachers and class teachers worldwide.

Balancing our busy teaching schedules with the book project was challenging, but our shared passion for EAL education kept us motivated. We found joy in researching, writing, and editing together while experimenting with our suggested strategies in the classroom.

Working closely at SJIS allowed us to engage in lively discussions about key concepts and refine our understanding of inclusion, EAL, and education. We hope that our book will empower teachers to create supportive learning environments for all students, helping them to build the confidence and skills necessary to meet the needs of their multilingual learners.

## Catholic and Christian Community

### Thank you message from Leanne Goh.

Having served as the parent rep of the CCC for the past few years, I am now passing on this meaningful role to Natalie Motha and Joyce Tam, who have graciously agreed to take it forward. I want to thank you all for the warmth and support you've shown over the years—whether through participation, contributions, singing, fellowship, friendship, or our conversations. I will always hold these memories close to my heart.



### Words of gratitude

On behalf of the CCC and the wider Catholic and Christian community, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Leanne for her dedicated efforts in nurturing and supporting the Catholic and Christian life here at SJIS. Leanne has generously given her time and heart to this role, and we are deeply thankful for her contributions.

### OUR ST. JOSEPH'S: AN UPDATE ON THE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND A DEEPER DIVE INTO ACCREDITATION



“ Mr Gary Cairns, invites parents for an update on the School Development Plan and how feedback from our last parent session has been incorporated into our strategic planning. Following that, there will be an opportunity for parents to attend a workshop with the Senior Leadership Team to understand more about the accreditation process and the roles played by different stakeholders. ”

**SJIS Auditorium**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024**  
**Thursday**  
**8:15 a.m.**



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Following on from the School Development Plan session in Term 3, Mr Cairns will be hosting a follow up session looking at the feedback from parents and how aspects of the feedback have been subsequently actioned.

There will then be a breakout workshop for parents to work with SLT on one of the standards for the ISQM accreditation.



### Get Ready to Guess the Fun Happening at the Family Festival!

Can you guess which teachers are getting dunked, which teachers have hidden talents and will be performing? Or what prizes are up for grabs? Stay tuned for all the surprises at SJIS Family Festival 2024! Happening on 9th November 2024. Coupon sales start 7th October 2024 - stay tuned for more details coming soon!

### SJIS Family Festival 2024

We are thrilled to announce the first-ever SJIS Family Festival 2024, a fun-filled day of games, student and staff performances, delicious foods, and community spirit! This exciting event is being organized by the SJIS Parent Volunteers (SPV) in collaboration with school leadership, student groups, parent groups, teachers and staff.

Mark your calendars and save the date - **Saturday 9th November from 10am to 4pm** — we can't wait to see you there! You can find more details in the attached poster as well as on the event site <https://bit.ly/SJISFF2024>

If you are keen to volunteer to help or contribute in any way, do fill up the this form here: <https://forms.gle/3mFLU6Gcb8SZrwes8>. If you have any questions, you may also contact [spv@sj-international.edu.my](mailto:spv@sj-international.edu.my)

Stay tuned for further updates as we get closer to the event! *SJIS Parent Volunteers (SPV)*



### Y5&6 Friendly Swim Meet

ISP International School 25th Sept 2024

We had 37 enthusiastic swimmers from Year 5 and 6 who gave their best at the friendly swim meet at ISP International School. It was a great experience especially for our new squad members as it was their first time racing and completing tougher events like the 100m IM and the 50m Butterfly. They had raced well and personal best times were made. We are proud to see our young swimmers developing their athleticism as they showed grit and determination, as well as their team spirit as they cheered on for their teammates. Well done to all swimmers!



### U18 Girls Netball Friendly

BSKL - 23rd September 2024

Our Under 18 Girls Netball team played their first matches of the Year in a friendly tournament against BSKL and Tenby SEP. The girls are preparing for their upcoming FOBISIA Netball competition in Singapore in November!



# FOBISIA

### FOBISIA Sports Invitational

We are pleased to announce the opening of Expressions of Interest for the upcoming FOBISIA Individual Sports Invitionals. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to compete at an elite level in tennis, climbing, golf, gymnastics, and table tennis. Please be aware that submission of the [form](#) does not guarantee a place, as we need to meet minimum entry requirements. We encourage eligible students to participate and showcase their skills. For further details on dates and locations, please refer to the [FOBISIA website](#).



### Deli School Parent Information Session

Thank you so much for joining our DeliSchool session today. Sharing our commitment to providing nutritious, high-quality meals is an essential part of our mission, and we truly appreciate your support. The fantastic turnout today reflects the dedication we all have to ensuring our children receive the best possible care when it comes to their health and well-being.

It's clear that we all recognise the significant impact that a balanced diet has on our children's growth, learning, and happiness. By coming together as a community, we can continue to promote healthy eating habits and make informed choices that will benefit them now and in the future. We look forward to continuing this journey with you and appreciate your active involvement in fostering a healthier, happier environment for our children.



**Safeguarding Parent Information Session**

We would like to invite you to join us for a presentation on Safeguarding Procedures at SJIIS. This session will be led by our two Pastoral Assistant Principals, Sahana Fried and Linda Pridgeon, who will provide valuable insights into the measures we have in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students.

**Wednesday, 23rd October**  
**8:15 am - 9 am**  
**Art Room, Level 4**

Please RSVP by completing this Google form by Friday 4th October to confirm your attendance.

**Enroll Now!**

## Safeguarding Parent Information Session (HS and ES SESSION)

Please RSVP by completing this Google form by Friday 4th October to confirm your attendance. Please sign up [here](#)

## Year 6 House Captains Announced

The videos were creatively put together. Edits were meticulously made. The votes were counted and verified. And now, we can reveal that the House Captains for each house are as follows:

**Benilde - Kirsten 6S & Christy 6I**  
**Miguel - Jiho 6I & Zi Yu 6M**  
**Mutien - Raihana 6M & Heeyun 6I**  
**Jaime - Keat Yew 6S & Suho 6S**

A huge well done to all students who showed courage, creativity and diligence by entering the process.



## The Virtues Project training for our new staff

This week, our new staff members spent two afternoons completing their introductory-level training with the Virtues Project under the guidance of Mrs. Fried and Ms. Jennings. As you know, this program is a cornerstone of our Character program. The team explored the power of language, the importance of setting clear boundaries and consequences, and their personal understanding of Honoring the Spirit as educators.



## Phonics & Early Readers Parent Session

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Phonics Parent Meeting this week. We introduced our phonics programme and provided an overview of how it is implemented in our classrooms to support the children's learning. Additionally, we explored the key reading skills essential for text comprehension, discussing strategies to develop these skills effectively. Your engagement and support are greatly appreciated as we work together to foster a strong foundation in literacy for our children. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.



## New parent coffee morning

It was a pleasure to welcome all our new parents into our community during our session on Thursday. It provided a wonderful opportunity for the Elementary and High School Leadership teams to introduce themselves, discuss their roles within the school, and also share about their lives outside of school, including their families and hobbies. Our SPV also introduced themselves and the work they do, while informing parents about opportunities to join various parent groups.



### First parent rep meeting

It was a pleasure to hold our first ES Parent Rep meeting this morning. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to become ES Parent Reps. This is an important aspect of our school and we value both the positive feedback that we have received regarding the start of the school year and also the constructive feedback about how we can improve certain areas within the ES, which we are already started to action. We look forward to the next meeting which we will confirm after the mid-term holiday.



### Stay and Play in Early Years

The Early Years team thoroughly enjoyed welcoming new families to our EY setting for our first Stay and Play session. The children participated in a variety of engaging activities that our Nursery and Reception children have been enjoying this week, such as a sensory walk, a dinosaur washing station, a texture collage craft, and ice painting. Both the staff and children had a fantastic time and look forward to the next one!



### International Lasallian Day of Peace

Brother Butch led our Elementary School assembly today, introducing us to a month-long celebration of peace. He also announced an exciting initiative—the SJIS Family Challenge. We're invited to create origami crane in our House colours, with each finished piece including your name and being sent to the ES office. Let's fill our foyer with vibrant colors and a message of peace!



### Next week's Reminders

**Fri 4th - SRC Announced**

**Mon 7th - Fri 11th - International Week**

**Fri 11th Oct - International Day Bazaar & Parade**



## Golf squad

This week we had our first ever golf fixture at SJIS!

Six students attended Kelab Golf Seri Selangor on Thursday and played 6 holes before the sun abandoned us. Students embodied the true Lasallian spirit with their teamwork and kindness throughout the game. The positive and supportive environment enabled students to practice their skills on the course but most importantly have fun!

We hope that there is more to come with the golf squad at SJIS; we plan to play again on 10th October and have upcoming potential opportunities with FOBISIA as well as a local 3 day tour this academic year.

If you would like to find out more or join the group please contact Mr Lawrence, [jlawrence@sjj-international.edu.my](mailto:jlawrence@sjj-international.edu.my)

## Service and Sustainability Youth Summit

Over the past weekend, a group of seven Year 10 -12 students attended the Service and Sustainability Youth Summit organised by ISKL.

The summit was based around the Sustainable Development Goals created by the UN, allowing us to debate and confer on these goals to develop pitches on how to approach them. While working with students from schools around Malaysia, we had the opportunity to practise our virtues of social intelligence, confidence, and leadership. We also did a tour of the school campus looking at their Eco garden, ponds and recycling facilities - they have ducks and geese around their pond to control pests rather than using pesticides!

One of the elements of the summit was attending a Workshop of our own choosing. Some of the options revolved around serving refugees and their health needs, which will be of great use to us students in our Lasallian Education classes. In these workshops, we had a chance to hear from specialists in their field on how to conduct service learning as students, and the necessary steps we need to take when doing so.

Our main goal was to pitch a project on how to tackle one of the Sustainable Development Goals. We had the chance to practise our public speaking skills when presenting in small groups, sharing our ideas, and having meaningful conversations about the future of our planet. In summation, it was a remarkable and formative experience for all! MOre pictures found [here](#).

Aurelia Y11, David, Duoning, and Amisha Y12, Ms Storey





# DURING CAMP WEEK HS CCA

**CANCELLED**

## HS CCA cancelled

Please be informed that throughout the camp week, all High School CCAs will be cancelled, including morning training for the competitive sports teams. For paid CCAs, the replacement class will be scheduled for the week commencing 2nd December.



## Update from the University and Career Counsellor

Please read [here](#) updates on Loyola Marymount University (LMU) visit, Y10 morning coffee and other upcoming university visits from MS Quennie, our University and Career Counsellor.



**Lasallian Staff Member of the Week. We have a joint winner:**

← **Mr Joel Lawrence and**  
**Ms Quennie Yang** →



**Student Lasallians of the Week**



## Virtue of the week -

*The power of imagination. Being open to inspiration, which ignites our originality*



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